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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Brian Arnold
Serial No. : 09/869,451
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Title : SHOE STIFFENER, MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR MAKING SAME
AND METHOD OF INCORPORATING A SHOE STIFFENER INTO A SHOE
UPPER COMPONENT

Art Unit : 1772
Examiner : Patricia L. Nordmeyer

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY

In reply to the action mailed October 23, 2002, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 9 pages.

Enclosed is an \$84 check for excess claim fees and a \$930 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10899-012001.

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